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| 61. S. Karger Subscription Agency | Switzerland |
| 62. British Council Division | U.K. |
| 63. P. Garnett & Sons Ltd. (Mr M.P. Gandhi) | U.K. |
| 64. Tiger Books International Plc (Mr. Tony Finding) | U.K. |
| 65. Arthur Neihoff | U.S.A. |
| 66. Dharma Publishing (Ms. Leslie Bradburn) | U.S.A. |
| 67. Lippincott-Raven Publishers Mr. George J. Faring | U.S.A. |
| 68. M I T E (Miss Sonia Paul) | U.S.A. |
| 69. New Asia Review (Mr. James Borton) | U.S.A. |
| 70. World Trade Press (Mr. Henkelman) | U.S.A. |
| 71. Zimbabwe International Book Fair (Mr. Paul Brickhill) | Zimbabwe |
| 72. Book Publishers Association of Russia (ASKI) (Mr. Valery Bouyanov, Mr. Vadim Shibaev) | Russian Federation |

**Health Challenges in the coming century**

322. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite appreciable advances in the control of diseases, there is an urgent need to look back at the major health problem and make critical epidemiological analysis of the same as it will point towards the likely health challenges in the coming century;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to work out any Plan in this direction; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) Emphasis has been placed on strengthening the capacity for epidemiological surveillance with a view to localising the outbreaks of disease and preventing their spread.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A broad action plan for strengthening disease surveillance has been prepared which envisages collection and flow of information, strengthening of laboratory diagnostic services, networking of centres, and continuous monitoring of disease prevalence.

**Heart diseases in Delhi**

323. SHRI GOVINDARO ADIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-report appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' of 9th September, 1995 under the caption "9.7 percent Delhi men have heart diseases" which is four times higher than that in the United States; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the same and the remedial steps taken to reduce this disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Studies carried out by Sita Ram Bhartya Institute and All Institute of Medical Sciences have independently reported prevalence rates of around 10% for only coronary arteries diseases in men and women in Delhi. A higher prevalence of coronary artery diseases amongst immigrants of Indian Origin has, however, been reported from U.S.A. and other countries.

The reasons for increased burden of heart diseases are (i) increased life expectancy leading to greater number of adutls of 35 or more years of age. (ii) increased exposure of risk factors like obesite, sedentary habits and increased blood cholesterol due to lifestyle changes.

Health Education, Counselling to patients and provision/ augmentation of treatment facilities are among the measures introduced. A pilot Project for control of Cardio Vascular diseases has also been launched during the current financial year.

**Election in Jammu and Kashmir**

324. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government for holding the elections to the Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir State; and

(b) if so, what is the date fixed for the purpose and the preparation being made in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**गरीबी के कारण मृत्यु और बीमारियां**

325. **श्री नागमणि:** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन के अनुसार गरीबी मृत्यु और बीमारी होने का एक महत्वपूर्ण कारण है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(ग) विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन ने गरीबी के कारण होने वाली मौतों को रोकने के लिए क्या कदम सुझाए हैं?

**स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री और जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री ए०आर० अंतुले):** (क) और (ख) विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन ने मृत्यु दर व रुग्णता दर के लिए उल्लेखनीय कारणों के रूप में गरीबी को उत्तरदायी ठहराया है। सरकार ने गरीब जनता के जीवन स्तर को ऊपर उठाने के उद्देश्य से निर्धनता रोधी बहुतेरे कार्यक्रम प्रारम्भ किए हैं।

(ख) विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन ने निर्धनता कम करने की जरूरत, स्वास्थ्य परिचर्या का न्यायसंगत प्राप्ति सुनिश्चित करने और विकास के समग्र ढांचे के अन्दर स्वास्थ्य हेतु एक स्थान निश्चित करने पर जोर डाला है।

उसने संक्रामक रोगों, 5 वर्ष से कम के शिशुओं में अतिसार, क्षयरोग, मलेरिया और खसरा जो निर्धनों की मौतों के प्रधान कारण हैं, का नियंत्रण करने की जरूरत पर बल दिया है।

**Formulation of Renewable Energy Policy**

326. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a comprehensive renewable energy policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) The Ministry Non-Conventional Energy Sources has initiated action for the formulation of comprehensive Renewable Energy Policy. The Policy